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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: EMBASSY SECURITY: SITREP

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1. SUMMARY: ALTHOUGH WE EXPECT SOMEWHAT HEIGHTENED TENSION HERE RESULTING FROM PRESIDENT SIAD'S OCT 15 CHARGE OF U.S. PHYSICAL PARTICIPATION IN ME WAR, AS YET WE SEE NO SIGNS OF OVERT ANTI-AMERICANISM. WE RECEIVING GOOD POLICE COOPERATION/ PROTECTION. HOWEVER, EMBASSY TAKING PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES AND FURTHER REDUCING CLASSIFIED FILES.

2. DCM MET OCT 13 WITH COLONEL JAMA, POLICE CHIEF OF OPERATIONS. DCM MENTIONED CONTINUED MOVEMENT IN AND AROUND AL FATAH OFFICE OPPOSITE EMBASSY, THAT THREATENING CALL HAD BEEN RECEIVED AT MARINE HOUSE, THAT WE HAD NOTED SOME INCREASE IN SURVEILLANCE BY UNIDENTIFIED ARABS; DCM SUGGESTED THAT WITH PRESENT INCREASED
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INTERNATIONAL TENSION GSDR MIGHT WISH RAISE LEVEL OF POLICE

PROTECTION, PARTICULARLY FOR AMBASSADOR DURING TRAVEL TO AND FROM EMBASSY. JAMA MOST INTERESTED IN REPORTS (WE GAVE THEM

IN WRITING), MADE TELEPHONE CALL IN SOMALI IN DCM'S PRESENCE, REPORTEDLY TO INCREASE SECURITY AROUND EMBASSY, AND PROMISED THAT EMBASSY REPORTS WOULD BE DISTRIBUTED TO NATIONAL SECURITY SERVICES AS WELL AS POLICE. JAMA AGAIN PROMISED THAT POLICE WOULD PROTECT EMBASSY AND PERSONNEL; HE REITERATED GSDR DETERMINATION THAT PALESTINIANS WOULD NOT MOUNT INCIDENT IN SOMALIA.

3. ON OCT 16 EMBASSY LOCAL REPORTED THAT NSS AGENT TOLD HIM THAT BECAUSE OF EMBASSY CONCERN REGARDING AL FATAH ACTIVITIES, NSS HAD ASSIGNED ADDITIONAL PLAINCLOTHED PERSONNEL NEAR CHANCERY AND HAD CALLED IN AND TOLD AL FATAH PERSONNEL THAT DESPITE GSDR SUPPORT OF ARAB CAUSE, GOVERNMENT WANTED NO ACTION TAKEN AGAINST AMERICANS.

4. ON OCT 15 PRESIDENT SIAD GAVE HARD-LINE SPEECH TO OAU LIBERATION COMMITTEE MEETING HERE CHARGING THAT U.S. WAS "PHYSICALLY PARTICIPATING" IN ME WAR. SIAD SPEECH REPRESENTED SIGNIFICANT ESCALATION OF U.S. ROLE BY GSDR WHO SINCE OUTBREAK OF HOSTILITIES HAD BEEN REMARKABLY QUIET IN LINKING U.S. TO ISRAEL. DESPITE SIAD BLAST, HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO RPT NO INDICATION OF PLANNED LOCAL DEMONSTRATIONS OR ACTION AGAINST U.S. PROPERTY/PERSONNEL.

5. WE FURTHER REDUCING OUR CLASSIFIED FILES AND HOPE BY OCT 21 RETAIN ONLY THAT MATERIAL WHICH CAN BE BURNED IN FIVE HOURS. EMBASSY TESTING LOCAL UHF NET. EMBASSY AND LOCAL AMERICAN MORALE IS GOOD. WHILE CONTINUING CAUTIONARY STANCE, WE DO NOT RPT NOT BELIEVE LOCAL SITUATION YET WARRANTS GOING INTO INITIAL STANDFAST CONDITION AS CONTAINED EMBASSY'S E&E PLAN.
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